

- (b) if so, the cost involved in the project;
- (c) whether necessary land have been acquired in Goa;
- (d) whether the construction work has commenced; and
- (e) if not, by what date work is likely to commence and completed?

**THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU):** (a) to (e) The entire NH-17 in Goa from Maharashtra to Goa border and from Goa to Karnataka border for a length of 139 km. has been approved for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for upgradation/ widening under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. Invitation of bids for the consultancy services for preparation of feasibility-cum-preliminary design for 4/6 laning of this stretch has been invited by National Highways Authority of India. The last date of submission of bid is 30.11.2006. The requirement of land acquisition, cost of construction and schedule of construction depend on the outcome of feasibility-cum-preliminary design for 4/6 laning of this stretch.

#### **Four laning of NH-5 in Orissa**

**\*140. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NH-5 Chennai-Kolkata which passes through Mayurbhanj District in Orissa served as a life line to the tribals of Mayurbhanj District;
- (b) whether under the four laning measure National Highway-5 has been bifurcated near Balasore;
- (c) whether Mayurbhanj figures in the four laning of the Highway map of the country;
- (d) if so, whether there is any proposal to upgrade the present NH-5 from Balasore to Kolkata via Baripada and also to make it four lane; and
- (e) if so, the tentative period to start the project?

**THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU):** (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Balasore-Baripada-Jharpokharia section of National Highway-5 passing through Mayurbhanj District in Orissa at present is a double lane road. Development of National Highways is a continuous process, which is undertaken based on traffic volume, *inter-se* priority and availability of fund. At present, there is no proposal to upgrade or widen this section.

(e) Does not arise.

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### **WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**

#### **Four new sites for nuclear generation**

864. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether state owned Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd., the nodal agency for harnessing nuclear power in the country is working on setting up of an additional nuclear generation capacity between 6000 to 10000 MW electricity on the four new sites sanctioned by Government;

(b) whether the four new sites are Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, by when the work on these projects is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The Government accorded in-principle clearance for four sites for setting up additional nuclear power plants. These sites are Kudankulam-Tamil Nadu, Kakrapar-Gujarat, Rawatbhata-Rajasthan (existing sites) and Jaitapur-Maharashtra (new site). The sites cleared are for a cumulative capacity addition of 6,800 MWe. Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited has taken up pre-project activities.

(c) Commencement of work on these projects is planned in the XI Plan (2007-12).